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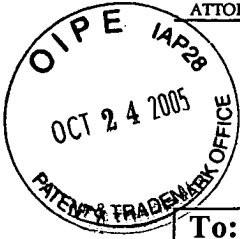
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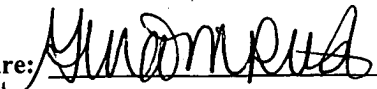
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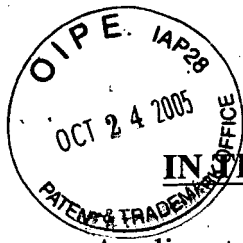
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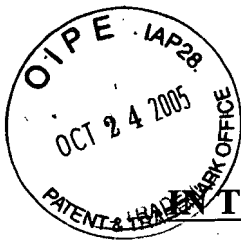
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The Applicants and others substantively involved in the preparation of the application are aware of the documents, cited on the enclosed PTO-1449 form. Copies of the listed documents were provided in related prior application U.S. Serial No. 09/166,055. The present application relies on U.S. Serial No. 09/166,055 for an earlier filing date under 35 U.S.C. § 120. In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(d), these copies are not provided with this Information Disclosure Statement.

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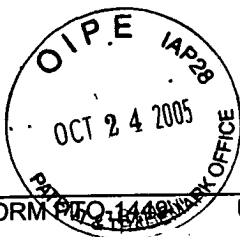
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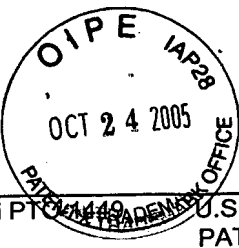
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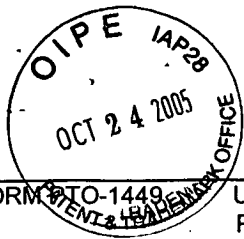
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